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July 31, 2001

Mr. William Muszynski, P.E. Acting Regional Administrator USEPA, Region 2 290 Broadway, 26th Floor New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Muszynski:

The Cayuga Nation and the Council of Chiefs send their greetings to you and your staff. The Cayuga Nation is the Younger Brother of the Haudenosaunee Which is Known to non-Natives as the Iroquois Confederacy, the Six Nations or the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy.

In 1992, the Haudenosaunee held a Grand Council at Onondaga to discuss the environmental degradation of our communities. In accordance with the Great Law of Peace, the Grand Council passed and agreed, based on Haudenosaunee protocols and cultural beliefs, to establish the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force (HETF).

We support the development of an environmental program within the Cayuga Nation through the assistance of the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force. We acknowledge that funding must be generated for the support of this program and we request that General Assistance Program Grant funding flow through the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force for the purpose of the work. As part of this development, we endorse the development of program level documentation by the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force, including, for example, the development of a Quality Management Plan that covers the environmental program to be developed and implemented with the assistance of the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force.

The terms of proposals and programs presented and approved by the Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs, and any modifications mutually agreed upon, shall be carried out to their maximum potential, through the collaboration of Bernadette Hill, as a representative of the Cayuga Nation Environment Program, and as the point person heading up this work and the said Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs.

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In no way does the Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs relinquish its sovereignty or jurisdiction over its lands in any way with approval of this program. Together, we ask only of each other that this program be an illustration of our mutual objective of protecting and restoring Mother Earth, and that this objective be carried out as an example of Guswentha and the Treaties, keeping with the strictest traditions of the Cayuga Nation.

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Sharon LeRoy

Secretary of the Cayuga Nation